SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ (TUMKUR) : I would like to bring to the attention of the Central Government, towards the worsening power crisis in Karnataka. The present drought-like dry spell has aggravated the situation and by the end of May, 2002 all lakes, ponds, reservoirs and water bodies would be dried up.

The State Government has sent an SOS to the Centre to render help for tiding over the situation by agreeing to provide additional power from the unallocated share of the Southern grid to the extent of at least 100 mw. While our two neighbours − Andhra and Kerala â€" have NTPC-run power generating units and a comfortable power supply position â€" we do not have additional power generation capacities in the pipeline with the Mangalore power project being shelved for the time being.

I request the Union Government to look into the matter.